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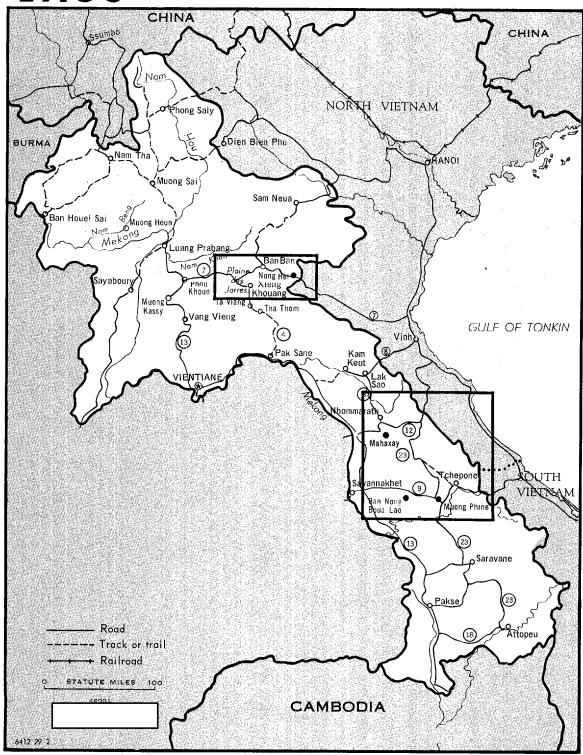
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Laos: [The Communists are continuing to strengthen

namese and Pathet Lao reinforcements--possibly several battalions--have moved south along Route 23 toward the Muong Phine area. Although their ultimate destination is unknown, they may be slated for deployment along Route 9 to the Ban Nong Boua Lao area where rightist forces last week stepped up their mili-

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at least 500 North Vietnamese troops had been reported moving

substantial North Viet-

Mumerous Communist vehicles continue to move into Laos along Route 7. On 23-24 December, 100 vehicles were observed traveling between Nong Het, a small town near the North Vietnamese border, and Ban Ban, a supply depot east of the Plaine des Jarres?

Meanwhile, tensions have heightened in Vientiane, where rival rightist factions continue to maneuver for power. There are no firm indications that either group is planning an imminent takeover, but such a move

could be easily triggered?

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(Map)

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